

Leicester, Nov. 4. 1862.

Dear friend Webb,

I have time today for but a very few lines - but having the other day received for you the enclosed Photograph, I would lose no time in sending it to you. I w^d. send also Mrs. Stearns's note accompanying it (Mrs. S. is the wife of Geo. L. Stearns, a warm admirer and friend of John Brown, ^{very friendly to} ~~of~~ his family ever since,) but it is written on very heavy paper & makes over-weight. She asks me to forward the photog. ^{to you,} & says "When Mrs. Brown was here, two or three weeks since, she had this taken of Ellen, (and it is excellent,) in compliance with a request of Mr. Webb's, which he made some time since for a likeness of Ellen, and which she was never able to grant, until she brought the child within photograph range." — Some expense will probably attend it, which I will ascertain when I next go to Boston.

In the last box of Antislavery Reports &c. which I sent you, (I think the last) I placed, by request of the author, David

L. Child, some copies of a pamphlet
he had prepared & published on the
Right of the United States Government,
in Time of War, to Abolish Slavery.
— Mr. Child is now very desirous to get
some copies of that pamphlet, and
not one can he obtain here. He has
calls, & uses, for several copies; and if
you have on hand any of those sent to
you, we will be much obliged to you
to return them to us. They might
be sent thro' Chapman, the London
bookseller, or his successor, (for I have
an impression that his business is in
other hands — am I right?), to Crosby
& Nichols, Boston, for me; — or by
private hand, should you happen to know
of such an opportunity.

Our invoice of the 'Life of John Brown'
is very nearly exhausted. A ^{very} few copies
remain. The demand of course ~~was~~ is not
what it was at first — indeed has nearly
ceased. Yet, with a further supply, we should

be quickened to new efforts, & I think we
could dispose of more. You have formerly
proposed sending more copies to me, on sale,
and if you still are of a mind to do so, I
will do my best to dispose of them. But I
should say, we ought to be able to sell them
at the same price we have sold the former ones -
viz. \$1.- If, from this, the costs of freight,
& the duties, are deducted, it is a question (I
suppose) whether the nett receipts will be
sufficient to repay you for cost of the books.
The duties are 15%, and upon the 160 copies,
^{previously} before imported, I paid \$12. The freight,
per sailing vessel was \$2.65 There was also
a payment of \$3.25 to you, for charges at
Dublin, to & at Liverpool. From these items you
may calculate the cost of sending, say, 50 or
75 copies. I should not advise sending more.

This is the day of the Annual Election
in Massachusetts, New York, & several Western
States. A more important one has never,
in my day, been held in the land. This day
will decide whether the President is to be
sustained by the People of the Free States in
his Proclamation of Emancipation, or whether

we shall give up the Contest with the
Slave Power & yield to their Demands,
I do not think the North will determine
upon the latter, but a very desperate
& pretty strong Cabal has been formed
to drive us into this dishonor and
servitude, and I am anxious, as I
have never before been about an Election
If the voice of New York and Massachusetts
are strongly given for Governor Wadsworth
and Andrew, all will be hopeful, and
the decision right. Probably you will
know what it is, by the same steamer
wh. conveys this.

But I must close

And am, Very affectionately

Yours Saml. May